

Warrior Harriers Surprise In Showdown With Aviation

West High capped one of the most surprising cross country seasons in Southland history Thursday afternoon with a great come-through performance in the Pioneer League meet at Centinella Park in Inglewood.

Competing in only their second year, the Warriors grabbed a second place behind powerful Aviation in the varsity division and then preceded to run away with top honors in the junior varsity and frosh-soph classifications.

As expected, Aviation notched the varsity championship, tallying only 27 points compared to 36 for West, 91 for Lennox, 103 for Lawndale and 104 for Torrance.

Tom Jurco was the first Redskin across the line, taking a fifth place in 10:10 over the two-mile course.

Trailing for West were Dan Ritchie, 6th in 10:10; Dick Buchanan, 7th in 10:11; Ron Pettigrew, 9th in 10:23, and Dave Graham, 10th in 10:25.

Freshman Mike Sellers led a convincing West triumph in the junior varsity division. The Warriors recorded 22 points with Aviation, 39; Lennox 107; Lawndale, 108, and Torrance following.

Sellers picked up the league title with a 10:29 performance to edge teammate Bill Franz, who finished third in 10:33. Bob Clark, 5th in 10:36; John Smith, 6th in 10:36, and Howard McVay, 7th in 10:45, pushed Sellers and Franz to the finish.

Tom Fraser, 10:54; Jim Evans, 10:55, and Tom Johnston, 10:58 were the first three runners across

the line in the frosh-soph division to pace West's championship.

The Redskins earned 28 points compared to 38 for Aviation, 91 for Torrance, and 115 for Lennox.

Ken Gromberg, 10th in 11:14 and Bob Cantalon, 12th in 11:21, were also instrumental in the Warrior victory.

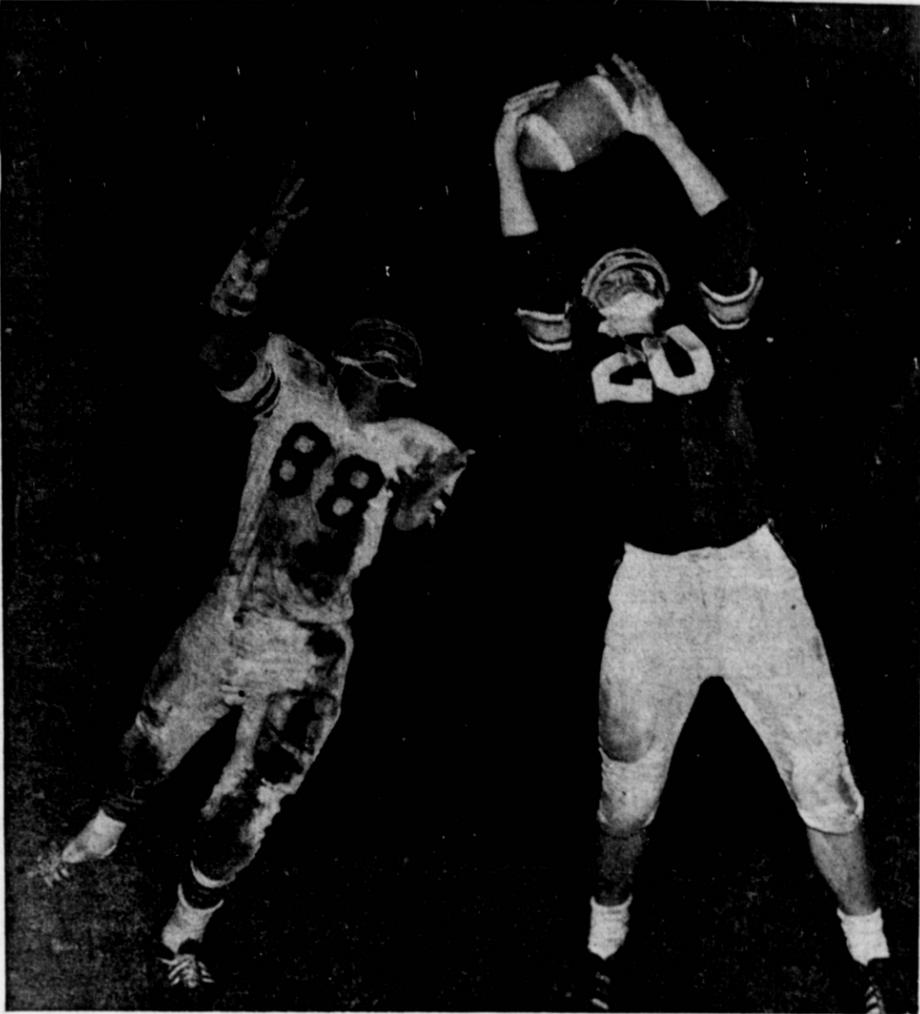
Torrance faced rougher going in the Pioneer meet, finishing last in varsity competition. Larry Parker, 13th in 10:25; Keith Bleakley, 18th; Richard Fuller, 20th; Richard Sleek, 24th, and Abie Grijalva, 29th, ran for the Tartars.

In frosh-soph competition, Mike Thomas finished fourth in 11 minutes and Earl Gardner earned an eighth in 11:07 to guide the Tartars to a third-place finish.

North also had its share of difficulties in the Sky League finals run over a muddy Morningside High course Friday afternoon. In varsity competition, the Saxons recorded 74 points to finish behind Leuzinger, 54 points, and Morningside, 55 points.

Gordon McBeath earned a second-place medal while Dennis Hansen, 5th; Dan Lacey, 19th; Dave Ramsey, 23rd, and Dan Oldt, 25th, also finished.

The North junior varsity squad earned a second-place finish behind Morningside. Gary McDonald was the first Saxon across, taking a sixth place. Mike Hansen, Bruce Alan, Aex Mendoza and John Mortenson wound up in the 8th through 11th spots for North.



ENEMY HANDS . . . West High end Mike Husereau waits for a football that will never come down as Aviation's John Flemion goes into the air to pick off a Lindy Nuzzo aerial Friday night. Despite the muddy field, passes played an im-

portant part in the 37-20 decision. Aviation scored through the air and West tallied on a 101-yard pass theft.

(Herald Photos by Jerry Reynolds)

Blue Devils Eye Third Loop Win

Undeclared in South Bay Conference play and already the recipients of a bowl invitation, the Torrance Blue Devils will continue Pop Warner Bantam division action today at 2:30 p.m. on the Torrance High field.

Last Sunday, halfback Bill Perez ran wild as the Blue Devils whipped Lakewood, 24-6, to register their fifth triumph of the season. Perez scored on runs of 60, 50 and 40 yards.

Another Perez touchdown jaunt of 70 yards was called back on a penalty.

PEREZ HAS NOW tallied 11 touchdowns in Torrance's seven games. The fourth Blue Devil TD came on a fullback sneak by John Reynolds. Reynolds now has nine tallies to his credit.

SUNDAY'S CONTEST will be the Blue Devils' third conference engagement. Torrance is undefeated against circuit opposition and has received a bowl invitation from San Diego.

The contest will be televised from the Border City on Saturday, Nov. 30.



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EIGHT LOSSES, ONE WIN

El Segundo Applies Finish To Dismal Torrance Year

Torrance turned in its finest offensive performance of the season Friday night but it was not enough to stop El Segundo from winding up the Pioneer League grid campaign with a 26-19 triumph.

Quarterback Greg Barrett and tiny speedster Rene Ponce teamed for two second-quarter touchdowns that stunned the favored Eagles and sent Torrance into the locker room with a 19-13 bulge.

From that point on it was all El Segundo as three Eagle

backs took advantage of Torrance's weak defensive status. Mike Blankenship capped Torrance's only long march of the game in the first quarter, shooting up the middle from 25 yards out for the first score of the contest. In the second period, Barrett hit Ponce with a 12-yard pass and the quick end went 48 yards more to paydirt.

Before halftime, Barrett and Ponce combined again, this time on a 15-yard effort, to give Torrance its slim bulge at intermission.

Fullback Tim Morteson was the big man in El Segundo's comeback, scoring two touchdowns and adding a pair of extra points. John Booterbaugh and Mike Battle each tallied

once in the Eagle comeback. El Segundo matched Torrance's second quarter output with a 13-point performance of its own and then added seven points in the third period and six more in the last stanza to ice the contest.

Kicking off after intermission, Torrance attempted to regain possession of the pigskin with an on-side boot. The strategy failed and El Segundo immediately marched down for the go-ahead counter.

During the second half, El Segundo consistently moved the ball around Torrance's right side. Much of the Eagles' mobility around the right side was provided by the absence of Tartar end Brian Olsen, who was out with a broken wrist.

Pioneer Champs Slam West

Minus its most powerful offensive weapon, Aviation clinched a tie for the Pioneer League football crown and a bid to the CIF playoffs with a 37-20 win over West High Friday night.

With All-League halfback Joe Burton benched with torn knee ligaments, Aviation put on a powerful offensive display to wind up the year in a tie with Lawndale for the circuit championship.

Early in the season, Lawndale and the Falcons battled to a 13-13 deadlock. Both elevens remained undefeated against circuit opposition after the tie.

West took the opening kickoff and moved 23 yards, down to the Aviation 37-yard line, before losing the ball on downs.

Taking advantage of its huge weight advantage in the line, Aviation went 63 yards in 10 plays to tally. Sophomore full-

back Igor Pomasanoff carried the ball seven times for 29 yards on the drive.

Greg Runnels accounted for the touchdown on a 20-yard sweep around right end with 5:15 remaining in the first quarter. A horde of West linemen blocked John Yeater's try for the conversion.

Three plays after the ensuing kickoff, Aviation regained possession of the pigskin when John Flemion picked off a Lindy Nuzzo aerial and returned the ball to the Falcon 45.

Aviation was held on downs, but the punt was fumbled and tackle Rich Reid recovered for the Birds on the West 30-yard stripe. Five plays later, with only 37 seconds gone in the second quarter, Pomasanoff bulled two yards up the middle for another six points. Yeater flipped a quickie to Jim New-

man for the point after touchdown.

The Falcons went 62 yards in 13 plays for their third TD. Steve Willis and end Chris Sausser combined on a 26-yard pass end-run play for the touchdown. The kick was blocked.

Seconds before halftime, Robert Campbell teamed with Terry Stephens for a 45-yard gain to put Aviation in scoring position. As the gun for intermission sounded, Willis came back into the game and connected with Stephens for the score. Again the conversion was no good and Aviation held a 25-0 lead at the half.

Dave Kemp pulled West out of a deep hole and gave the Warriors their first touchdown of the night with three minutes gone in the third stanza. Aviation moved down to the Warrior 7-yard line, but Kemp pulled a Falcon pass out of the air and went 101 yards to pay-

dirt. The kick was missed and West trailed, 25-6.

Flemion handed Aviation a 31-6 lead with 6:28 remaining in the third quarter on a five-yard jaunt around right end. Junior fullback Bob Vroman gave West six points as the third quarter gun sounded on a short blast up the middle. The PAT was good and the Redskins trailed, 31-13. The West deficit was increased to 37-13 when halfback Mike Jones went five yards through the middle with 5:48 left in the game.

Only six seconds remained in the tilt when Fred Schwab went around right end to give West its final TD of the season. John Cochran booted his second conversion of the night to end the scoring.

SPORTS SCENE

Redondo Belts Mira Costa Out of Bay League Crown

It took Redondo one year to square football matters with arch-rival Mira Costa.

Last year, Micohi handed Redondo a 7-6 defeat and knocked the Seahawks out of the Bay League championship and a bid for the CIF playoffs. Redondo returned the favor Friday night.

With Mira Costa tied with Santa Monica for the circuit

crown, Redondo handed the Mustangs a 7-7 tie and knocked them out of the Bay championship and hurt their chances for a playoff invitation.

Mira Costa scored first with all-league halfback George Hayes doing the honors in the second quarter. Fullback Jeff Colmer accounted for the conversion. Redondo waited until

the final period before knotting the score.

QUARTERBACK Terry Nolan and end John Jones teamed on the TD. Ed Fernandez then kicked the crucial point after touchdown to tie the score.

In other Bay League action, Palos Verdes and Hawthorne both tallied in the final quarter but P.V. made the conversion to earn a 7-6 decision.

Inglewood staved off a second half Morningside rally Friday night to finish the Sky League season with a 19-14 triumph over its crosstown rivals. Three different men hit paydirt for the Sentinels as they evened the series at 3-3.

CULVER CITY closed out its Sky League year with a 6-0 triumph over pass-minded Beverly Hills. Culver tallied in the first quarter and hung on for its second circuit win.

Gardena earned a share of the Marine League title on Friday and an invitation to the City playoffs with a 42-6 trouncing of Jordan before 5,000 fans at El Camino College.

Previously one game behind Jordan in the Marine chase, Gardena capitalized on three first half fumbles and went on to record its fourth circuit win in five starts. Ron Lopez scored three times for the Mohicans.



LURKING FALCON . . . Aviation defender Steve Willis moves in to put the clamps on West High fullback Bob Vroman during Friday night's mud-pattered Pioneer League fray. The Falcons cinched a tie for the circuit championship with a 37-20 decision, but it was not due to any lack of effort by Vroman. The 205-pound junior fullback was a big thorn in Aviation's side, picking up 27 yards in the first half alone on only five carries. (Herald Photo)

Showers Dampen Sports Calendar

"The Day that the Rains Came Down" was just a trifle too early as far as Carson, Narbonne and South high schools are concerned. All three schools had scheduled athletic contests postponed due to the drizzles that hit Friday morning.

Carson and Narbonne were due to meet Friday afternoon in the final Marine League football encounter of the season for both elevens. The delayed games will be played Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. on the Narbonne field.

South was scheduled to put its cross country fortunes on the line Friday afternoon in the Bay League meet at Haw-

Bullets Go After Baseball Victory

Seeking their second consecutive Los Angeles County Winter Baseball League triumph, the Torrance Bullets will engage Compton today at 1:30 p.m. on the Alondra Park diamond.

Torrance opened the season last week with a 7-1 triumph over East Los Angeles as Jay Baker flipped a three hitter and gave up only two free bases.

Composed of players from North, West, Gardena and Serra high schools, the Bullets rapped 10 hits to back up Baker's southpaw slants.

DICK BUCHANAN clubbed

two hits and Bob Wallace belted a some run and a single to pace the Torrance offensive.

Managed by Bob Prior and Al Egnatuk, the Bullets will be defending their 1962 County Winter League title. Listed on the Torrance roster are Ed Deboer, Buchanan, John Marsden, Wallace, George Carr, Brent Nickoloff, Dave LaRoach, Mike Brooks, Jack Crist, Baker, Mike Dutcher, and Tony Crosser.

EXPECTED to join the Bullets after the completion of football competition are Steve Sogge and Rudy Perez from Gardena High and Serra High's Derry Deravin.

Camino Students Hang' Grid Boss

El Camino's Ken Swearingen joined UCLA's Bill Barnes and a select number of other football coaches throughout the country during the past week. He was hung in effigy.

After the Warriors dropped their third straight game several Camino students apparently decided it was time for a change and hung the effigy on a street light near the college's campus center. Touted as one of the coun-

try's finest junior college elevens at the beginning of the year, El Camino opened with a bang, recording two non-conference wins and a Metropolitan Conference upset over Ceritos.

Then disaster struck and the Warriors fell to San Diego in an upset and then dropped successive encounters to Bakersfield, the nation's second-ranked team at that time, and once-beaten Long Beach.